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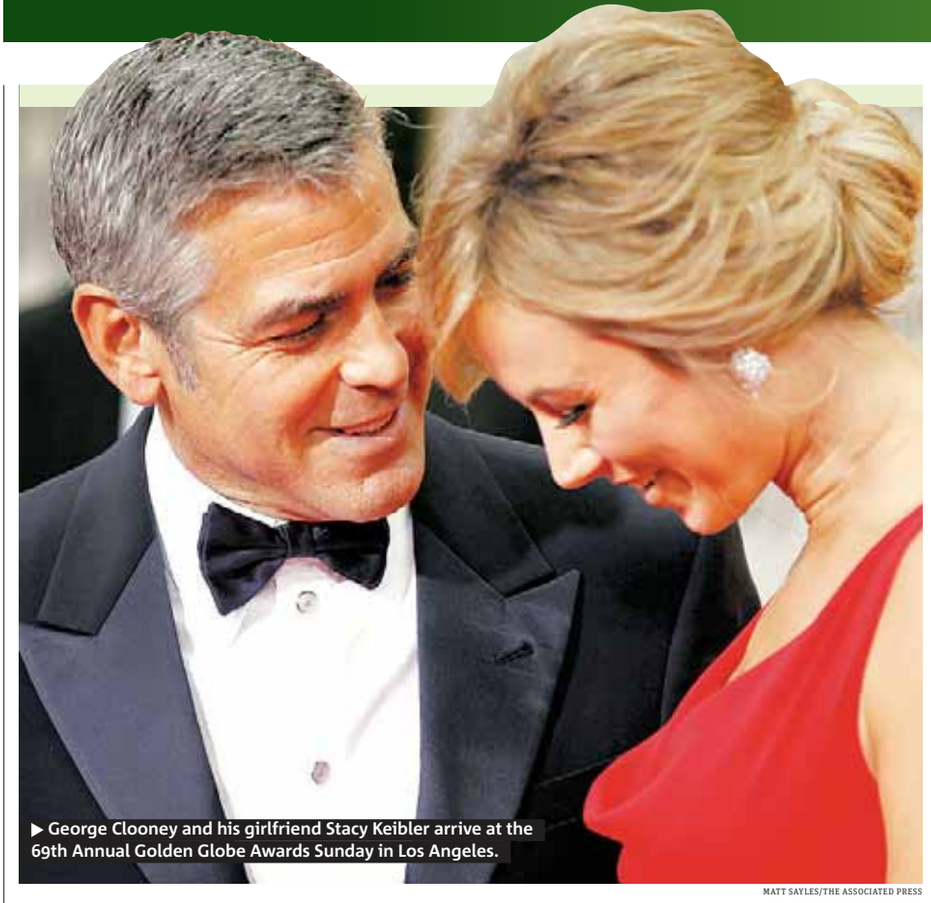

▶ George Clooney and his girlfriend Stacy Keibler arrive at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards Sunday in Los Angeles.

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Clooney wins best actor for The Descendants

George Clooney came to the awards armed with nominations for two movies — one for Hawaiian family story The Descendants, and another for his political thriller, The Ides of March. The former won for best drama. Clooney also had four personal nominations, inluding best actor in a drama for his role in The Descendants, which he won. For more coverage, see page 20.

Fired exec makes big comeback

Documents show manager liberally used training centre funds for trips, meals

A top union executive has jumped back into a $200,000-a-year job, 13 months after officials fired him for "deception" and "self-dealing," as well as spending improprieties that included using workers' money to fly his daughter to Disney World.

In a controversial comeback, trustees rehired John Mandarino last summer as the administrator for the training centre of the continent's largest construction local, Toronto-based Labourers' International Union of North America Local 183.

The centre's board had unanimously dismissed him in June 2010 for breaching contract-tendering rules, losing valuable government grants, regularly breaking cheque-signing policy and charging unauthorized personal expenses without proper accounting.

The 41-year-old Mandarino, who had operated the centre from 2006 to 2010, declined requests for an interview. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ John Mandarino

"The despicable attacks upon John Mandarino can only be categorized as a 'witch hunt,' a contrived exaggeration of facts ..."

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Police give defence in G20 lawsuit

Sean Salvati — the paralegal who was arrested prior to the G20 summit and allegedly strip searched, assaulted and held naked in a jail cell for nearly an hour — was "the author of his own misfortune," according to a statement of defence by Toronto police

The statement was issued in response to a lawsuit by Salvati, who accuses Toronto police of falsely imprisoning him and violating his Charter rights in June 2010 when they arrested him for public intoxication, a charge he contends was bogus.

Salvati, 33, claims he was also subjected to "cruel and unusual treatment or punishment" while in police custody. But according to Toronto police, Salvati's arrest and treatment was justified because he was "inebriated" and acted "abusive, obstructive and aggressive in his interactions with officers."

"He was very belligerent and was kicking, spitting, yelling and screaming at (two constables)," reads the statement of defence, filed in October. "The plaintiff also attempted to bite at the officers."

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Video footage

- Sean Salvati's claim that he was held naked in a cell for 48 minutes is corroborated by security camera footage from inside the police station.
- On Jan. 4, Salvati's lawyers obtained additional footage that shows an officer placing Salvati's clothes in a crumpled heap outside his cell, plainly within view, but out of his reach.
- The police officer, identified in the lawsuit as Const. Nick Guastadisegni, can be seen gesturing and speaking outside Salvati's cell. He then appears to kick the pile of clothes before walking away.

Fugitive mom extradited to U.K.

Woman agreed to extradition so she could be closer to daughter she is accused of abducting

Helen Gavaghan, the British woman who was arrested in Montreal last fall and accused of abducting her seven-year-old daughter, Pearl, has been extradited to the United Kingdom.

As tearful friends gathered inside Montreal-Trudeau airport Sunday night, Gavaghan was escorted to her departure gate by RCMP and U.K. officials and placed on a 7:55 p.m. flight to England, where Pearl has been living with her father, Henry da Massa, since her mother's September 2011 arrest.

Gavaghan and da Massa had joint custody of their daughter when the mother and daughter disappeared in 2008. Police said they suspect Gavaghan took Pearl to Mexico and the U.S. before bringing her to Toronto and living in Parkdale for a time in 2010.

Da Massa actually moved to Toronto and lived here for more than six months while he looked for his daughter, whose removal from England was ruled as "unlawful"‘ by the High Court.

Gavaghan had been held in a Montreal detention centre since being arrested. She agreed to her extradition in late September so she could be closer to Pearl.

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'Bittersweet'

- Andrea Beverley, Gavaghan's friend and Montreal neighbour, called the scene at the airport "bittersweet."
- Police allowed 10 friends to bid Gavaghan farewell.

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▶ Henry Da Massa was reunited in Canada with Pearl, 7.

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Investigators in Los Angeles are confident a man in custody is behind all four recent killings of homeless men. Scan code for story.

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Should a family be denied permanent residence because they have a young boy who is deaf? Guidy Mamann discusses a recent Federal Court decision at metronews.ca/immigration

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P for plants rejected

A plan to create a more reliable electricity grid has come unplugged after the OPA rejected the latest proposals to build three cogeneration plants in the GTA.

A spokesperson for the power authority would only say in an email that the proposals, at Redpath Sugar on the waterfront, Atlantic Packaging in Scarborough and GM in Oshawa, didn't meet "the necessary criteria."

Cogeneration plants, called combined heat and power, can be twice as energy-efficient as natural gas-fired power plants and have been championed by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance. They burn gas to create electricity, but use the by-product — heat — to create steam for industrial use. The OPA wanted to add 300 megawatts in total to the grid in Southern Ontario.

But it's doubtful, had the plans been approved, that Toronto's aging infrastructure could have handled the extra load, says Tanya Bruckmueller, spokesperson for Toronto Hydro. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor gets advice on losing the pounds

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Mayor Rob Ford during the ceremonial bowl at the CIMA Mayor's Trophy in Sunnybrook Park last June.

Oshawa mayor tells Ford how to pare those '300 pounds of fun'

See that door, Mayor Ford? Start walking.

That's the advice to a political heavyweight from former excess pounder John Henry, Ford's counterpart in Oshawa. Rob Ford wants to lose weight and Henry has been there, done that and kept it off (mostly).

"He should schedule meetings at the furthest boardroom in city hall instead of his office," Henry advises. "That's what I do, so I'm moving around all the time. Take the extra 10 minutes and walk everywhere you need to go."

The Toronto mayor, who calls himself "300 pounds of fun," and his brother Coun. Doug Ford have pledged to shape up to improve their health and raise money for charity.

"If you're carrying this extra weight, then that's not healthy. So we're gonna get in shape," a portly Doug Ford told NewsTalk 1010 recently.

"I'm moving around all the time. Take the extra 10 minutes and walk everywhere you need to go."
JOHN HENRY, OSHAWA MAYOR

What about Rob Ford's weakness for ice cream?

"You have to earn your treats," Henry says, suggesting a two-pound loss deserves a weekend sweet.

He went from 240 to 185 pounds on the 2010 campaign trail but regained some after being elected.

Exercise your self-control, urges Henry, who has an office fridge full of apples and a stash of Oh Henry bars — for visitors.
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Juror alleges she was coerced

A lawyer is taking the relatively rare step Monday of asking a judge to investigate a woman's claims she was coerced by fellow jurors into convicting a man of second-degree murder.

The issue is a tricky one for the justice system because it is a criminal offence for anyone to disclose what took place behind the closed doors of a jury room.
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After the verdict

▶ A day after the verdict in the case, one of the jurors contacted defence lawyer Don McLeod to say she did not go along with the others voluntarily.

Mass gatherings getting larger, study finds

Religious pilgrimages, sporting events, state funerals or music concerts: such events are attracting thousands, even millions, at one time, and they are becoming larger and more frequent.

That's according to a new series published by the British medical journal The Lancet, which says the increasing scale and frequency of large-scale international events pose "substantial risks to global health security," including the spread of infectious diseases, terrorist attacks and violence.

The six-part series, released Sunday, was produced in advance of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, expected to draw millions of attendees.

"The world's population passed seven billion in October and with more people on the planet and greater access to international travel, these types of congregations are increasing in their frequency and scale," said Dr. Kamran Khan, a clinician-scientist at St. Michael's Hospital, whose paper on infectious disease control is part of the series.

"If you have people coming from over 100 countries, if any one of them happens to bring in a disease that is located in their particular part of the world, they could introduce that into a mass gathering."
DR. KAMRAN KHAN

The most dangerous health risks at mass gatherings are human stampedes and heatstroke, according to one of the articles from the University of Zurich.
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▶ Dr. Kamran Khan stands in front a diagram of international light travel paths at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Memorial pays tribute to slain woman

It is an unlikely place for a memorial, at the side of a nondescript road flanked by industrial factories and empty land.

But this is why cars pull over to have a look, runners stop to read the inscription and it is almost impossible to pass by the engraved stone without at least a quick glance.

It was here, last November, a stranger found the body of 23-year-old Leanne Freeman.

The Winnipeg native had been shot in the head, her body dumped at 1 a.m., in the middle of a secluded two-way street in the Port Lands area.
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▶ Memorial for Leanne Freeman.

Man shot in the leg at Toronto hotel

Police are investigating after a man was shot in the leg at a Toronto hotel early Sunday.

The victim was in the washroom of a night club in The Westin Harbour Castle hotel near Bay Street and Queens Quay when he was approached by a male suspect.
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▶ Shawn Vella, 9, gives Shaynee a hug while at SickKids Hospital.

Pooch brings comfort to kids

Once a week for about six years, dog has cheered up children whose lives have been interrupted by serious conditions like cancer, tumours, seizures

Shaynee Pincus is a 34-pound purebred wheaten terrier, a 10-year-old trained therapy dog whose wee red vest, emblazoned with a Therapeutic Paws of Canada crest, has made her a beloved sight in the halls of SickKids hospital.

In Yiddish, Shaynee means "pretty," and that she is.

Amanda English, a certified child-life specialist at the hospital, has found that Shaynee is a "powerful" motivator for kids recuperating from procedures or coping with treatments.

"She lifts their moods, but I've also seen her motivate them to do tasks. It might be as simple as sitting up in bed. I've also seen her motivate them to get out of bed and walk after surgery," she says.

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Man's death in police custody spurs inquest

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▶ Junior Alexander Manon

A coroner's inquest to determine how an 18-year-old Toronto resident died after being stopped by police for a minor traffic offence begins Monday.

Junior Alexander Manon was driving on Keele Street West, near York University in May of 2010 when police pulled him over. He fled when officers tried to arrest him for breaching a probation condition, which prohibited him from driving. Manon died after police tackled him to the ground and used their weight to subdue him.

A subsequent SIU investigation concluded there were no reasonable grounds to charge the officers involved in his arrest, but the inquest is mandatory because Manon died while in police custody. It will rule on the official cause of his death.

Witnesses at the time alleged that Manon had been beaten with walkie talkies and choked around the neck by one of the officers.

But an SIU investigation found that there was no medical evidence to support the choking allegation.

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DUI charges laid in crash with cop cruiser

A man faces impaired-driving charges after a collision with a Peel Regional Police cruiser that sent an officer to hospital early Sunday.

The police cruiser was at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road Eeast, and Molly Avenue in Mississauga at approximately 4:10 a.m., when the officer's vehicle was struck by a red Dodge Caravan, according to Peel police Const. Thomas Ruttan.

The offer, the driver of the van and the passenger also sustained minor injuries, he said.

"The driver was arrested and is facing charges," said Ruttan. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

Woman nabbed after car hits traffic light

CRIME. A woman is under arrest after a crash that sheared a traffic light off its base in Oakville.

Police say a car went through a red light on Dundas Street at Eighth Line and smashed into the post just before 11 p.m., Saturday.

Both the car and the light were destroyed.

The driver suffered facial injuries and was taken to hospital.

She has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and investigators say they believe she was on her cellphone while driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Liberals vote for pot legalization

Until now, party has only called for decriminalization Interim leader Bob Rae endorses position

Federal Liberals are taking some risky departures from the cautious political norm in a bid to put their once-mighty party back on the electoral map.

They overwhelmingly approved Sunday a resolution calling for the legalization and regulation of marijuana.

"Let's face up to it, Canada, the war on drugs has been a complete bust," interim leader Bob Rae declared in a closing speech to a three-day Liberal renewal convention.

The new call to legalize it completely and regulate its production and sale, much as is done with alcohol, is in stark contrast to the governing Conservatives, who've included stiffer penalties for marijuana possession in their omnibus tough-on-crime bill.

Approval of the marijuana resolution came on the heels of another potentially risky departure for the Liberals. After a heated debate late Saturday, delegates agreed to invite all liberal-minded Canadians to take part in choosing the party's next leader.

Wrapping up the convention, Rae heralded the two moves as a sign the chastened Liberal party is reaching out and renewing itself after last May's humiliating rout, when the party was reduced to a third-party rump with only 34 seats.

"We Liberals have clearly and emphatically said to the people of Canada: 'We embrace change and we embrace all Canadians as we rebuild this great national party.'"

Delegates further embraced change by choosing Mike Crawley as their new party president. He beat out Sheila Copps, a veteran former cabinet minister whom some Liberals felt symbolized the past, by a slim 26 votes.

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▶ Newly elected Liberal party president Mike Crawley celebrates his win with wife, Heather, and daughters Paige, right, and Meghan at the Liberal Biennal Convention in Ottawa on Sunday.

Committee to examine charitable giving

Whether it's the $25 donation to the local Terry Fox Run, or the $200 Christmas contribution to the homeless shelter, MPs are about to study whether this common kind of charitable giving can be stretched even further.

The Commons Finance committee will begin a study later this month on the ways individuals and corporations give, and the tax incentives for boosting that generosity. The last federal budget recommended such a review.

One of the central ideas that will be examined is something called a "stretch tax credit," a measure that directly targets the more modest kind of donor. The notion comes at the same time as the federal government is poised to slash program spending to help attack the deficit.

The stretch idea goes like this: Every dollar more given from one year over the next will be given a bigger tax credit. So, a person who donated $200 in 2010 but decided to give $250 in 2011 will see that extra $50 qualify for a 39 per cent tax credit rather than the usual 29 per cent.

Imagine Canada, a group that supports and advocates for the charitable sector, has noted that Canadians have been giving less — 24 per cent claiming donations on their credits in 2007 versus 30 per cent in 1990.

President Marcel Lauziere says the tax credit has been estimated to cost the federal government between $10 and 40 million a year — a reasonable investment for helping the sector.

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▶ Imagine Canada President Marcel Lauziere

Charitable laws

- Since forming government, the Conservatives have introduced a number of changes to the laws governing charitable donations. For example, donors who give publicly listed stocks and exchangeable shares do not have to pay capital gains on those contributions.
- There has also been speculation about a Conservative crackdown on environmental and other foundations with charitable status that also do advocacy work.

Refugees accuse Ottawa of 'bias'

In 2009, following Immigration Minister Jason Kenney's allegations of "bogus" refugee claims by Czech Romas, the Immigration and Refugee Board sent a "fact-finding mission" to the Czech Republic. The result was an issue paper citing the availability of state protection of Roma minorities, better known as Gypsies, in the Eastern European country — and a subsequent drop in the acceptance of Roma asylum claims from 94 per cent in 2008 to nine per cent in 2010. After two years of legal wrangling, the Federal Court on Monday will hear claims of "institutional bias" by 16 failed Czech Roma refugees.

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▶ Immigration Minister Jason Kenney

Facebook threats to cops leads to arrest

Mounties in Alberta have arrested and charged a man following a tip from Facebook that he allegedly threatened to shoot police officers. RCMP Const. Janice Schoepp says a security officer with Facebook in the U.S. spotted alarming posts on the social networking site on Friday.

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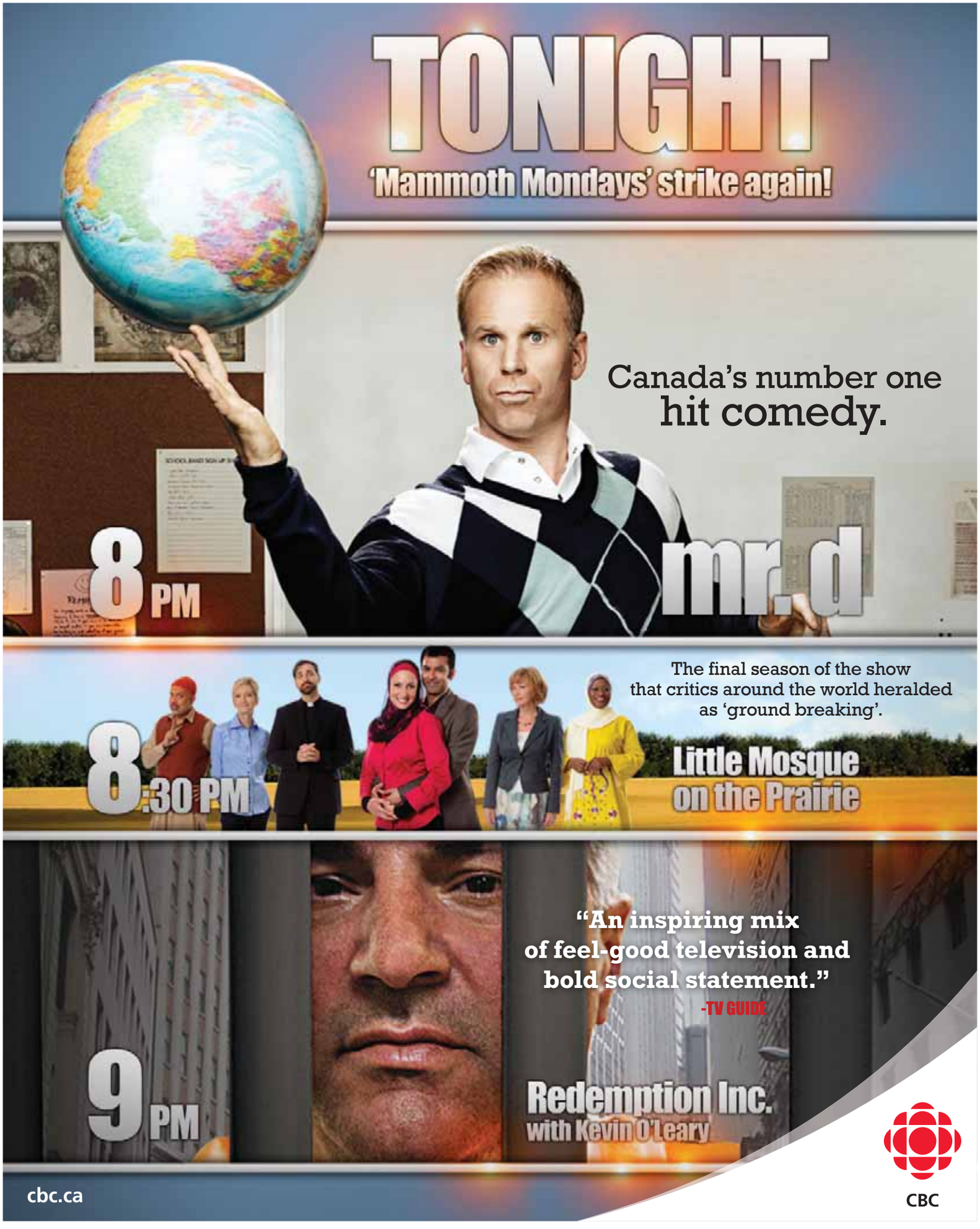
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PVT. DANNY CHEN'S SUICIDE

Hearing begins in abuse case

▶ Pvt. Danny Chen

A U.S. soldier charged with abuse that led to the suicide of a 19-year-old fellow soldier in Afghanistan faced a preliminary hearing on Sunday at Kandahar Air Field, the U.S. military said.

Spc. Ryan J. Offutt, 32, is charged with maltreatment, assault, involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide in the death of Pvt. Danny Chen. Offutt is one of eight infantrymen charged in connection with the suicide.

Chen shot himself in a guardhouse on Oct. 3 in Afghanistan after what investigators say were weeks of racial slurs, humiliation and physical abuse.

Sunday's hearing was to determine whether Offutt should face court-martial. The two most serious charges, involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide, carry prison sentences of up to 10 years and three years respectively.

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Republican hopefuls slammed for speaking French, Mandarin

Both Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman are getting heat from staunch Republicans, but not for their views on health care or tax reform: Romney is under fire for knowing French and Huntsman is viewed with suspicion because he speaks Mandarin.

Both candidates are Mormons, and learned the languages as young men while on religious missions to France and China, respectively.

In South Carolina, a pair of Newt Gingrich ads — one of them titled The French Connection — attack Romney for his facility with the language.

And Huntsman's penchant for breaking into Mandarin in debates — even during campaign stops in South Carolina — has raised the hackles of some Republicans.

"You don't speak Mandarin during a Republican debate," said Joe Scarborough, former Republican congressman and now host of MSNBC's Morning Joe.

Said Michael Steele, former head of the Republican National Committee: "I thought he was ordering takeout."

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Tanker awaits deep freeze to deliver fuel

◐ Nome, Alaska, facing gasoline and diesel shortage ◐ Once ice is stable, fuel to be transferred to village by hose from Russian tanker offshore

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▶ With Alaska's Kigluaik Mountains visible on the horizon, the Healy breaks ice for the Russian tanker Renda (not shown) near Nome on Jan. 13. Once the broken ice has refrozen, the crew will transfer some 4.5 million litres of diesel and gasoline to shore through a 1.6-kilometre-long hose.

[redacted]a cargo of much-needed fuel for Nome was moored less than a half-mile from the Alaska town's iced-in harbour Sunday morning, waiting for disturbed ice to refreeze so that crews can deliver the fuel.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy, which cleared a path through hundreds of kilometres of Bering Sea ice for the tanker, was nearby.

"We were able to successfully navigate that last bit of ice," Coast Guard spokesman Kip Wadlow said. "We were able to get it pretty much right on the money, in the position that the industry representatives wanted to start the fuel-transfer process."

The crew of the 370-foot tanker Renda was working to ensure the safe transfer of the 4.5-million litres of fuel through a segmented hose that will be laid on top of the ice to the harbour, about 610 metres from the ship, Wadlow said on Saturday.

Once the disturbed ice has refrozen, crews must build a pathway over the ice for the hose to rest on. Then the hose segments have to be bolted together and inspected before the fuel can be released.

There has been a lot of anxious waiting since the ship left Russia in mid-December. It picked up diesel in South Korea before travelling to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where it took on unleaded gasoline. Late Thursday, the vessels stopped offshore and began planning the transfer.

A fall storm prevented Nome from getting a fuel delivery by barge in November. Without the Renda's delivery, Nome's supplies of diesel, gasoline and home heating fuel are expected to run out in March or April.

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Freeze frame

- **Alaska requires that fuel** transfers be initiated only in daylight hours, though they can continue in darkness. Nome has just five hours of daylight at this time of year.
- **Once the fuel hose is laid** down, the crew will walk its entire length every 30 minutes to check for leaks. Each segment of hose has its own spill-containment area, and an extra-absorbent boom is on hand in case of a spill.
- **But Jason Evans, chairman** of Sitnasuak Native Corp., cautioned that delivering the fuel is only half the mission. "The ships need to transition back through 300 miles of ice," he said. "I say we're not done until the ships are safely back at their home ports (in Seattle and Russia)."

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Brace for the budget

Harper wants views of 'workers, entrepreneurs, ordinary Canadians'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is warning that Canadians face "tough choices" and to brace for the challenging economic year ahead.

Harper said he will be dispatching cabinet ministers to hear the views of Canadians as the government enters the final stages of preparing its budget, the Economic Action Plan 2012.

That budget, likely in February or March, will lay out the government's strategy to trim at least $4 billion a year in spending as the Conservatives seek to rein in the deficit. Those spending reductions are expected to mean cuts in government staffing and programs. A special cabinet committee has been evaluating proposals from federal departments outlining the impact of five- and 10-per-cent cuts to their budgets. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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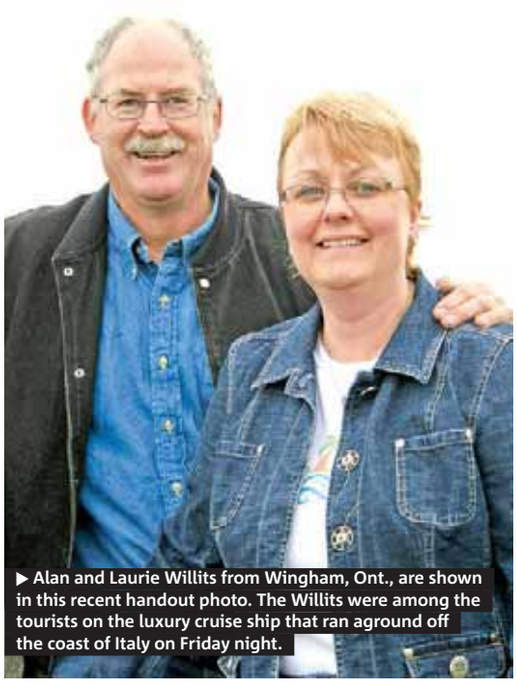

▶ Alan and Laurie Willits from Wingham, Ont., are shown in this recent handout photo. The Willits were among the tourists on the luxury cruise ship that ran aground off the coast of Italy on Friday night.

Ontario couple survives luxury cruise accident

Thousands of people from all corners of the world, including a dozen from Canada, lived through a night of horror when the luxury cruise liner they were on ran aground off the coast of Italy and flipped on its side, leaving five people dead and forcing more than 4,000 aboard to evacuate.

Italian divers were searching for about 40 people who remained unaccounted for Saturday. Some 30 people were injured. The Department of Foreign Affairs confirmed all Canadians had been accounted for.

Italian coast guard officials said the exact circumstances were unclear, but that the first alarm aboard went off about 10:30 p.m., about three hours after the Concordia had begun its voyage from the port of Civitavecchia to Savona, in northwestern Italy.

4,234 The cruise ship had 4,234 people aboard when it ran aground hundreds of metres off the island of Gigloo near Tuscany.

Many evacuees, including an Ontario couple, complained they were not told by crew members that they were in danger until the boat was listing to the side. The delay made lifeboat rescue eventually impossible, with some passengers jumping into the sea while others waited to be plucked to safety by helicopters.

Alan and Laurie Willits from Wingham, Ont., were watching the magic show when they felt an initial lurch. They were eventually transported by a lifeboat. Tired and shaken, they are now recuperating in a hotel in Rome. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Russian spacecraft crashes into Pacific

- Space probe designed to travel to Mars' twin moons
- It got stranded in Earth's orbit after Nov. 9 launch
- Efforts by Russians to bring it back to life failed

A Russian space probe designed to boost the nation's pride on a bold mission to a moon of Mars came down in flames Sunday, showering fragments into the South Pacific west of Chile's coast, officials said.

Pieces from the Phobos-Ground, which had become stuck in Earth's orbit, landed in water 1,250 kilometres west of Wellington Island in Chile's south, the Russian military Air and Space Defence Forces said in a statement.

The military space-tracking facilities were monitoring the probe's crash, said spokesman Col. Alexei Zolotukhin.

He said the deserted ocean area is where Russia guides its discarded space cargo ships serving the International Space Station.

RIA Novosti news agency, however, cited Russian ballistic experts who said the fragments fell over a broader patch of Earth's surface, spreading from the Atlantic and including Brazil.

The $170-million craft is one of the heaviest and most toxic pieces of space junk ever to crash to Earth, but space officials and experts said the risks posed by its crash were minimal because the toxic rocket fuel on board and most of the craft's structure would burn up in the atmosphere high above the ground anyway.

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Space junk

- Thousands of pieces of derelict space vehicles orbit Earth, occasionally posing danger to astronauts and satellites in orbit.
- About 100 metric tonnes of space junk fall on Earth every year.
- Russia's space agency Roscosmos predicted that only between 20 to 30 fragments of the Phobos probe with a total weight of 200 kilograms would survive the re-entry and plummet to Earth.

Flagging. Brand

▶ With fewer people visiting the country's national parks and historic sites, Parks Canada has hired a consultant to help boost its flagging brand.

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Parks to revamp image

Toronto marketing firm Veritas is getting paid $395,000 over two years to advise Parks Canada on how it can better promote itself. The agency wants a 10 per cent increase in visits by 2015.

Alleged war criminal in detention

A man accused of helping incite the Rwandan genocide has been released from a Quebec City hospital and put in an immigration detention centre.

Leon Mugesera is facing deportation back to Rwanda, where he faces charges related to a 1992 speech that allegedly helped spur the genocide.

A Quebec Superior Court justice ordered a one-week delay on Thursday — the day he was due to be deported.

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▶ Leon Mugesera

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Where did all the vultures go?

Study points to humans as cause for sharp drop in scavenger population

As recently as the late 1980s, white-backed vultures were the most abundant large raptor in the world: an estimated 30 million lived in South Asia.

Since then, their numbers have declined at a rate steeper than the dodo's before it went extinct. Fewer than 10,000 remain in the wild today, with potentially devastating effects for the region's people.

In 2003, a study by Washington State University and the U.S.-based Peregrine Fund discovered the culprit behind the vanishing vultures: diclofenac, an anti-inflammatory akin to ibuprofen used to treat livestock. Vultures that ingest animal carcasses containing the drug contract untreatable kidney failure and die within weeks.

Because the scavengers could consume anthrax-ridden carcasses with no reaction, they helped rid areas of diseases such as tuberculosis and brucellosis. Without vultures, humans are often forced to handle animal remains. This is stoking fears that diseases will spread unchecked through animals and humans.

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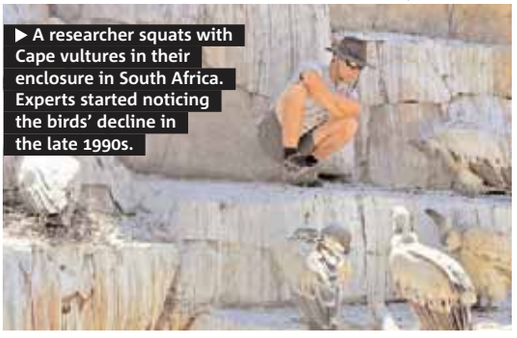

▶ A researcher squats with Cape vultures in their enclosure in South Africa. Experts started noticing the birds' decline in the late 1990s.

Palestine pres. rages over travel permit

Palestinian officials say Israel has stripped President Mahmoud Abbas of VIP status and given him a watered-down travel permit valid for just two months.

The officials say Abbas spoke about the matter at an internal meeting of his Fatah Party last week. He said the new permit is a reflection of Israel's control over the Palestinians, and suggested that Israel was punishing him for applying for Palestinian membership in the United Nations.

Maj. Guy Inbar, a spokesman for the Israeli agency that issues travel documents to Palestinians, said Sunday there has been no policy change. He says the permit is the result of a technical glitch that should be resolved soon.

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Colbert 'exploring' a run at U.S. president

Comedian appears on television to explain his intentions to consider launching campaign Could appear on ballot in South Carolina primary

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▶ Sculptor Raymond Wirick of East Kennett, England, works on likenesses of Republican presidential candidates Newt Gingrich, left, Jon Huntsman and Rick Perry, at the site of the Republican presidential debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sunday.

Comedian Stephen Colbert says he's launched an exploratory committee into whether to run for president, appearing in character on a current affairs show on Sunday to poke straight-faced, satirical fun at the wacky Republican presidential race.

"It is a real exploratory committee ... finding out whether there is a hunger for a Stephen Colbert campaign right now," Colbert told George Stephanopoulos on ABC's This Week, adding that those on the committee include a mountain-climber, "someone who is good with explosives" and a "brain in a jar."

"I am exploring right now — I am a one-man Lewis and Clark," he said, adding he was also pondering running for Pope.

He scoffed at the insistence from South Carolina officials that it's too late for his name to appear on the ballot in time for Saturday's state primary.

▶ Stephen Colbert

"They said you can't go to the moon, they said you can't put cheese inside a pizza crust — but NASA did it; they had to because the cheese kept on floating off into space," he said.

For months, Colbert has been ironically ridiculing the country's political system, taking particular delight in forming a so-called Super PAC, a political action committee supposedly separate from the candidates they're backing.

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Woman sets off demolition of factory where her father died

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▶ The Campbell's Soup Tower comes down.

It was a daily reminder of the death of her father in a British industrial accident — but a mother of two says she feels relieved after she was given the chance to demolish the factory where he was killed.

Sarah Griffiths won a competition to lead the demolition Sunday of a tower owned by Campbell's Soup food manufacturer.

It was the site where her father, Mick Locke, was fatally scalded in 1995 in a steam accident.

After she triggered the series of explosions which downed the factory in King's Lynn, eastern England, the 41-year-old Griffiths said the event had given her a "chance of closure."

She said the tower has been "a constant reminder that I have been robbed of my dad."

The site was being cleared for a new commercial and retail development.

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SYRIA

UN calls for end to killing

10 The uprising, which has killed thousands of people, has been ongoing for the past 10 months.

The UN chief demanded Sunday that Syria's president stop killing his own people and said the "old order" of one-man rule and family dynasties is over in the Middle East on a day when activists said 27 people died.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, delivering the keynote address at a conference in Beirut on democracy in the Arab world, said the revolutions of the Arab Spring show people will no longer accept tyranny.

Unlike the deeply divided Security Council, the secretary general has been outspoken in calling for Assad to stop the killing of civilians.

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Egyptian vote set for mid-June

A spokesman for the Egyptian military says candidates wishing to run for president may nominate themselves starting in mid-April.

Supreme Council of the Armed Forces member Maj. Gen. Mohsen el-Fangari told Egypt's state television on Sunday that presidential elections would be held in mid-June.

It would be the first presidential election since Hosni Mubarak was ousted in a popular uprising last January.

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Scottish vote being ironed out

The leaders of Britain and Scotland plan to meet for talks on a key independence vote.

A vote on whether Scotland should sever its ties from Britain — for the first time since the England and Scotland united to form Great Britain in 1707 — should take place in 2014.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who opposes any breakup of the United Kingdom, has warned that uncertainty over Scotland's future could harm the economy.

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‘We have to resist, we have to fight’: Sarkozy

French president says ‘important decisions’ to come for economic crisis Hush about France’s lowered AA+ rating

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for courage, calm and unity to overcome the financial crisis, promising new reforms Sunday without mentioning the loss of France’s prized AAA rating in his first public appearance since the downgrade.

The Standard & Poor’s decision to lower France’s rating to AA+ was a blow to the country’s self-image and to Sarkozy’s prospects of re-election, coming just three months before the first round of voting.

It could also have far-reaching effects for Europe, potentially raising the borrowing costs for the bailout fund used to rescue struggling members of the eurozone. The move was one of a spate of downgrades of countries that use the euro that the agency said reflect the absence of a sufficiently bold political solution to the crisis. The French president has kept mum about Friday’s downgrade thus far, instead trotting out his finance minister and prime minister to respond to the move that was expected.

Sarkozy turned a speech to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of a founding father of the current republic into a kind of campaign rally, while also trying to appear to be above the fray. “This is a test and since it is, we have to confront it, we have to resist, we have to fight,” Sarkozy told an audience in central France. “We have to demonstrate courage, we have to demonstrate calm.”

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▶ A performer takes the stage at Chalkers Pub for the weekly jazz jam, Girls Night Out.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT AN INCLUSIVE LOVEFEST

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When I first heard about the Girls Night Out jazz jam at Chalkers pub, I assumed, somewhat cynically, it would be the same tone as Lilith Fair: An earthy, hippy-esque, women-centric musical event with a jazz twist.

Then I took a closer at the night's flyers, where the fine print read: "Where gentlemen are welcome too!"

Essentially this weekly event is an all-inclusive open mic, where musicians of any age, sex and skill level have the opportunity to take the stage and sing with a backing band of professionals. Regardless of how off-key you might be, expect to hear a genuinely enthusiastic round of applause at the end of your song. Kind of like a warm hug from your mum after totally screwing up her birthday cake. Women, as most of us know, have a certain way about them.

"I wanted to feminize it so people knew it wasn't going to be rowdy, it was going to be civilized," says the night's organizer and host Lisa Particelli, of its title.

"The focus is on singing ... we accept them all"
HOST LISA PARTICELLI

"The focus is on singing and the voice, so whether it's a boy, girl, beginner, professional, we accept them all."

In its seven years, Girls Night Out has built a tight-knit group of regulars — both those who come out to watch, and those who come out to sing. During intermission on the night I went, performers and audience members mingled around and chatted as if they'd known each other for ages. No one lurched alone in a corner uncomfortably. Quite simply, it was a really good vibe.

As for the performances, they ranged from a shy and sweet-voiced teenager who sang You Can't Take That Away From Me to a boisterous, vibrant, flame-haired woman in her 70s, who spent a good five minutes before her song telling a story about helping her cranky best friend load a dishwasher. (After conducting a little research, I discovered that this vibrant elder was Pam Hyatt, an accomplished local actress.)

Most of the performers who took the stage the night I went could easily be described as seasoned and professional. But that doesn't mean that some of the performers don't stink.

"Oh yeah, but that's the beauty of this," says Particelli of the less experienced participants. "If you're going to tank, it's best to tank among friends who aren't going to judge you."

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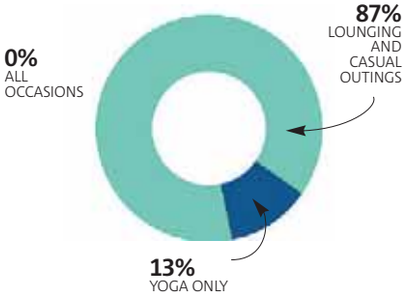

Local tweets

- **@thejkhc:** ohoho Liberals are planning to legalize marijuana! xD
- **@BlueCanadaRedUS:** Other thought at end of day: _I'm_ interested in the monarchy and marijuana legalization, but does that speak to the median voter? #cdnpoli
- **@Nerdygirl511:** Mike Crawley is a nerdy looking guy... Hope the liberals can pull themselves together though.
- **@chrisjamesdrew:** MT @_Mike_Crawley: Close result. V proud to have re-energized #lpc w/ Sheila over last few months. Her passion filled that convention #ott12
- **@theaveragetwit:** @tomgreenlive how long are you hanging around #toronto for?
- **@Marrs_Fers:** Brad and Angelina sure know how to make a knock-out power couple appearance! #goldenglobes
- **@clairegeldart:** Charlize Theron in Dior Couture, BEYOND. The archived Cartier headband is a little young for her, but still stunning on all levels.

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Sculptures of ice from river water

HARBIN, CHINA. Ice sculptors from nine countries competed in the 26th International Ice Sculpture Contest in China's north-eastern city of Harbin. The event is part of an annual ice and snow festival, which sees its streets filled with pagodas made entirely of ice. ● **METRO WORLD NEWS**

3 **It takes three days to sculpt a block of ice weighing over two tonnes, which is cut from the frozen surface of the nearby Songhua River. Locals say the ice is notably translucent, as it freezes slowly each winter while the river continues to flow beneath and polish it.**

"(In ice sculpture) you see the light, how it reflects. It's more playing with light.... I make all these ideas, which are not possible to make in any other material." **KARLIS ILE, 37, LATVIAN-BORN ARTIST**

Humble origins

- The first festival in 1963 may have originated from tradition of ice lantern-making by local fishermen.

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Is Plummer on the Oscar track?

Plummer, 82, gets his Golden Globe for supporting actor. Will he finally win an Oscar?
Clooney, Streep and Williams also take home gold

Canadian-born stage and screen legend Christopher Plummer won the supporting-actor Golden Globe for his role as an elderly widower who comes out as gay in the father-son drama Beginners.

Claiming the first prize of the night at Sunday's Globes may give 82-year-old Plummer the inside track for the same prize at next month's Academy Awards.

"I must praise my distinguished competitors, whom I have the greatest admiration and to whom I apologize most profusely," said Plummer, who added warm regards to Beginners star Scottish actor Ewan McGregor.

"I want to salute my partner, Ewan, that wily Scot, 'Ewan My Heart's in the Highlands' McGregor, that scene-stealing swine from the outer Hebrides."

Oscar consideration has been elusive for Plummer, who has been nominated for Hollywood's top honour only once in his 60-year career — two years ago, for the Leo Tolstoy drama The Last Station.

Ricky Gervais, who has ruffled feathers at past shows with sharp wisecracks aimed at Hollywood's elite and the Globes show itself, returned as host for the third-straight year.

He needled early winners, saying the show was running long and stars needed to keep their speeches short.

"You don't need to thank everyone you've ever met or members of your family, who have done nothing," Gervais said. "Just the main two. Your agent and God."

On the musical/comedy side, Michelle Williams won best actress for portraying Marilyn Monroe in what presenter and pal Seth Rogen jokingly called "the hilarious comedy My Week with Marilyn."

On the TV side, HBO's Enlightenment, which has struggled to gain viewers, got a boost from star Laura Dern's win for best actress in a comedy series, beating out popular favourites Tina Fey and Zooey Deschanel. PBS's runaway hit British import, Downton Abbey took home best miniseries or TV movie, while Kelsey Grammer surprised awards watchers by earning top drama series acting honours for the Starz political series Boss ahead of Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Steve Buscemi (Boardwalk Empire).

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▶ Michelle Williams wows in Wu.

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▶ Best looking couple? The Pitt-Jolies.

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▶ Emma Stone needs no "Help."

▶ Uggie from The Artist for a walk down the red carpet.

Winners

Here is a partial list of winners as of press time:

Motion pictures:
Supporting actor — Christopher Plummer, Beginners

Actress, musical/comedy — Michelle Williams, My Week with Marilyn

Actress, drama — Meryl Streep, Iron Lady

Actor, drama — George Clooney, The Descendants

Movie, drama — The Descendants

Television:
Series, drama — Homeland, Showtime

Actor, drama — Kelsey Grammer, Boss

Actress, miniseries or movie — Kate Winslet, Mildred Pierce

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Box office

Contraband managed to steal the top slot at the weekend box office away from competitors. The Universal action film starring Mark Wahlberg debuted at No. 1 with $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Disney's 3D re-release of 1991's Beauty and the Beast waltzed into the No. 2 position with $18.5 million. Joyful Noise, the Warner Bros.' musical comedy starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, opened in the fourth spot with $11.3 million behind Paramount's Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol, which earned $11.5 million in its fifth week, bringing its total haul to $186.7 million.
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Ricky's golden glib award

Perhaps the biggest question for most Golden Globe viewers this year was exactly how far Ricky Gervais would go with his second opportunity as host after last year's eyebrow-raising skewering of Hollywood's biggest names. The answer, as it turns out, was not too far at all, as Gervais went easy on his audience, poking fun at himself, the Hollywood Foreign Press and host network NBC, which he referred to as a "non-profit organization."

His first victim of the night? Kim Kardashian. "The Golden Globes are to the Oscars what Kim Kardashian is to Kate Middleton ... a bit louder, a bit trashier, a bit drunker and more easily bought, allegedly." METRO

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"The HFPA have warned me that if I insult any of you ... or cause any controversy, they'll invite me back next year"
RICKY GERVAIS, REFERENCING THE IRE HE EARNED AS HOST OF LAST YEAR'S GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

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Voldemort's 'accessible modern Shakespeare'

Actor steps behind the camera for adaptation in directorial debut

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HANDOUT

▶ A scene from the film Coriolanus, which stars and is directed by Ralph Fiennes.

Lord Voldemort has made his own movie. Or at least his alter-ego Ralph Fiennes has.

After two decades starring in some of Hollywood's most celebrated films, the lauded thespian behind Harry Potter's nemesis has turned out his directorial debut with a contemporary, challenging adaptation of Shakespeare's Coriolanus. Metro caught up with the actor recently to discuss the upcoming drama.

What was your approach in your debut behind the camera?

First of all, I was just motivated by an obsession with this story and the role. Why someone decides this is what they want to do I don't know — I've not analyzed it too closely but I just wanted it to be an accessible modern Shakespeare.

Why did you think Coriolanus would make good modern adaptation?

I think there are so many things in it. (It) exposes a political and social dysfunction and I believe we're living in a time where everything is up for questioning and the systems we thought worked are not working.

And Coriolanus starts with the people protesting. Everything's crumbling.

You've worked with some great directors. Were there tricks from other filmmakers you borrowed from?

The best experiences I've had have been collaborative ones where I feel I've been included and that's a great feeling. Someone like Anthony Minghella (The English Patient) would do that and Neil Jordan (The End of the Affair) to some extent. But I was eager to bring everyone's ideas to the table which is what I learned from someone particularly like Anthony Minghella.

Career

A selected filmography of Ralph Fiennes:

- Schindler's List (1993)
- Quiz Show (1994)
- The English Patient (1996)
- Red Dragon (2002)
- The Constant Gardener (2005)
- Clash of the Titans (2010)
- Harry Potter (2005 – 2011)

Any other Shakespeare plays you'd like to tackle on the big-screen?

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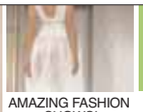
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Make no mistake: Alcatraz is not Lost 2.0

Lost creator J.J. Abrams reunites with show alum Jorge Garcia for new drama about San Francisco's infamous prison

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Jorge Garcia, who played Hurley in the cult drama Lost, is heading back to another island with a different bunch of people in J.J. Abrams' new supernatural thriller Alcatraz.

This shot-in-Vancouver series revolves around more than 300 prisoners and guards who vanished from America's notorious Alcatraz prison in 1963 and start reappearing in the present day, wreaking havoc on the streets of San Francisco.

San Francisco cop Rebecca Madsen (Sarah Jones), Alcatraz expert and comic book enthusiast Dr. Diego "Doc" Soto (Garcia), federal agent Emerson Hauser (Sam Neill) and his sidekick Lucy Banerjee (Parminder Nagra) are forced to join forces to catch and bring to justice the supposed-to-be-dead bad guys.

For Garcia, joining the series was a no-brainer.

"When J.J. calls, with my history with him, I'll make myself available for sure," he says.

"I like what he does and the TV that he makes so I knew what I was going to be in. And then you read the script and it's like, 'Oh, sweet.'"

Jones (Big Love, Sons of Anarchy) says headlining her first series is a little overwhelming, but she says she tries not to put a lot of pressure on herself.

"I just try to treat it like other jobs I've had and do the best I can and hope that people like the character I'm playing as much as they've liked other female heroes that J.J. has brilliantly come up with," she says.

Garcia adds he's slowly getting used to working in Vancouver after shooting Lost in the lush locations of Hawaii.

But he admits he's a little bummed his former castaway-mates Daniel Dae Kim and Terry O'Quinn are having fun in the sun, shooting Hawaii Five-0.

"Whenever I watch Five-0 I'm a little bit jealous," Garcia admits.

"But only a little bit. Vancouver has its own green beauty, just like Hawaii. Of course, you have to pay for that with the rain. And it's a little bit colder.

"But I'm having fun. It's a fun show to be a part of. And it's cool living up here."

The series debuts with a two-hour premiere Monday at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Citytv and Fox. Alcatraz returns to its regular 9 p.m. ET/PT time-slot on Jan. 23.

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▶ Jorge Garcia and Sarah Jones star in the new J.J. Abrams mystery thriller Alcatraz.

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New beginnings

Angelina breaks down

EVEN SUPERSTARS FREAK OUT. Before Angelina Jolie could embark on her directorial debut with In the Land of Blood and Honey, she had to get over a huge amount of self-doubt, she tells Marie Claire.

"I had a complete emotional breakdown in the shower and Brad [Pitt] found me crying," Jolie says. "I felt this huge responsibility and I felt very small. 'Who am I to take this on?'"

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Britney wants a Southern-style wedding

BRING ON THE FRIED CHICKEN. Britney Spears is reportedly already getting to work planning her wedding to fiancé Jason Trawick, according to Hollyscoop, and apparently she's looking for more low-key festivities this time around.

"She wants a traditional Southern-style wedding with comfort food, surrounded by her family, her two sons and all of her childhood friends," a source says.

Spears has been married twice before, once in a lavish ceremony to Kevin Federline and once before that in a Las Vegas chapel, though that marriage lasted only about 50 hours.

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Britney Spears

Celebrity tweets

@JonahHill

Fox cancelled Allen Gregory! Yes! Wait, cancelled means permanently on tv forever right?

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Vegas, day 2. Spent 45 mins lost inside hotel. Beginning to show signs of dementia due to neon overexposure and piped-in nitrous. Send help.

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I am dreaming of a Costco roast chicken...

Locklear in the clear after booze and pills overdose

- Melrose Place actress all smiles as she was discharged from hospital
- Not a suicide attempt: Parents

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▶ Heather Locklear

Heather Locklear is safe at home after being hospitalized late last week for reportedly ingesting a life-threatening mix of booze and prescription pills, according to Us Weekly.

Locklear was reportedly chatty and smiling upon being discharged from Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Locklear's parents "wanted everybody to know that she's doing well, she's fine, she's not in any danger, she's healthy," a hospital spokeswoman says, adding that the actress' episode was not a suicide attempt. METRO

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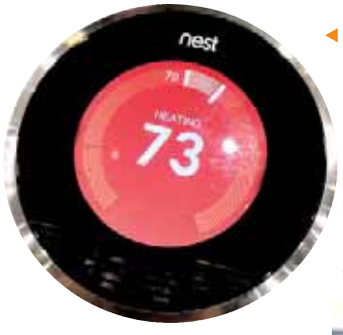
Bubble Wrap Kids host urges overprotective parents to give kids space to grow.

Tech-toy heaven

As the 2012 Consumer Electronics Show gets underway in Las Vegas, Mike Yawney, Citytv's technology specialist, has scoured the floor for this year's must-have tech toys



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Samsung Upgradeable TVs: Did you buy a TV for Christmas? The reality is that within a few months it will already be outdated. Samsung wants to make sure you don't have buyers remorse this year by allowing you to continuously upgrade your television. Many of its 2012 models will feature a slot on the rear where a special upgrade module can be inserted. This means modules with new software features, even faster processors can be purchased each year to keep your TV up to date. The updates will cost you, but at least you'll have the latest and greatest features on your TV.

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- 15 ml (1 tbsp) curry powder (mild or medium)
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cumin, coriander and salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 1 bay leaf
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) sweet potatoes (2 or 3), peeled and cubed
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) light coconut milk
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chicken broth (approx)
- Chopped fresh coriander
- Plain yogurt

Preparation:

1. In a large saucepan, melt the butter then cook the garlic, onion and ginger until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the curry powder, cumin, coriander, salt, nutmeg and bay leaf; cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
2. Add the sweet potatoes, apple, coconut milk and broth and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook, covered, for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.
3. Let the soup cool slightly then discard bay leaf. Puree, in small batches, in a blender or food processor. Return to saucepan and thin with additional broth, if necessary. Reheat and serve garnished with coriander and dollop of yogurt, if desired.

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If you, or someone you know, are among those who have made a pledge to quit smoking this year, try these tips for success.

1 **MAKE A PLAN:** Set a quit date and map out the steps leading up to that day. Get rid of your lighters and ashtrays and plan for how you will handle triggers.

2 **GET SUPPORT:** Let your friends and family members know you are planning to quit and tell them in advance how they can best help you. For expert advice, turn to a Quit Coach at Smokers' Helpline, a free, confidential service that provides personalized support and information about quitting smoking. Smokers' Helpline provides phone support, with interpreter service, an online program and text messaging at 1-877-513-5333 and SmokersHelpline.ca.

3 **DO A TEST RUN:** Try cutting down before your quit date. During your test run, explore strategies for dealing with cravings.

4 **FIND EXTRA INCENTIVES:** Take The Driven to Quit Challenge and stay smoke-free for the month of March for your chance to win your choice of a new Ford Fusion hybrid or Ford Edge, one of two $5,000 travel vouchers, and one of seven $2,000 cash prizes.

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DUMP YOUR 'PAL' THE CIGARETTE, IT'S SLOWLY KILLING YOU

This year, the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control wants to draw attention to the complex relationship Canadians who smoke have with their cigarettes. Most of us have experienced a relationship that we knew was not good for us, but found it difficult to walk away. This is particularly true for the millions of Canadians addicted to cigarettes — their "pal" is slowly killing them.

Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of disease and death in Canada, killing 37,000 Canadians annually. For every premature death caused by tobacco, there are at least 20 people living with a tobacco-related illness.

Five million Canadians smoke and need our help to quit. Yet, as a society, we continue to stigmatize people who smoke and to blame them for their addiction (labelling it a "choice" or "habit"), conveniently neglecting the fact that tobacco is highly addictive and that cigarettes are engineered to exploit that fact. Furthermore, most adults who currently smoke started before the age of 17, and many even before the age of 15.

We must do more to help create and invest in environments that support "quitters" and ensures our youth never enter into this devastating and costly relationship. Tobacco is a relationship that never has a happy ending.

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THE JOURNEY TO QUIT ISN'T EASY

RELAPSES ARE NOT FAILURE, EXPERTS SAY

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Quitting smoking successfully on your first attempt is one of the biggest myths that exists around giving up smoking, according to Canadian nurses experienced in smoking cessation interventions. For this reason, this new year, make a resolution to quit smoking (again), but don't think you have to face it alone.

"Relapse should not be perceived as failure. Rather, it is merely a step in the journey towards quitting smoking. It takes most smokers between five and seven attempts before they achieve lasting success," says Michel Lebel, a registered nurse with the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario's (RNAO) National Smoking Cessation (SC) Initiative and a case manager with the Montreal Chest Institute.

The initiative is an expanded version of RNAO's successful Ontario-based program, which is building a network of nurses and other health-care professionals called "champions," through educational workshops that focus on smoking cessation best practices.

"It's important to rid ourselves of the notion of failure around quitting smoking, and that smokers should be able to give up the addiction all on their own," says Amanda Reid, a health promotion nurse with Central Health in Gander, N.L., and an SC facilitator with the national initiative. "Smokers become ashamed that they are unable to overcome their addiction, when addiction to nicotine is one of the hardest substance use dependencies to break."

Smokers need a large number of supports in order to break the addiction, including resources such as telephone quit lines, and nicotine replacement therapies, says Reid. Family members, in particular, need to be non-judgmental sources of support during relapses and understand that several attempts are part of quitting, she adds.

Quitting smoking is not a single event, but a process that involves a change in lifestyle, values, social circles, thinking and feeling patterns and coping skills. *– News Canada*

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Every roof eventually needs to be serviced, or replaced. Doing the job with light-coloured materials is simple — and doesn't cost a penny extra.

"If you're building a new office tower, there's no difference in price between a white roof and a black roof," notes Jim Harris, management consultant and bestselling author of Blindsided.

"Same thing with shingles on a house. Pick a light colour, like a light gray, as close to white as you can get. There are really simple things that you can do that will make an incredible difference."

Yes, white roofs get dirty. But even so, they remain vastly more reflective than dark ones. Akbari notes that a typical Canadian house can offset 10 to 20 tons of CO2 emissions just by lightening the colour of its roof.

This simple idea has environmental implications that are — huge.

"If every roof in the world that is a dark colour were white, it would be equivalent to taking 600 million cars off the road for 22 years," Harris says. "That's the equivalent saving in carbon emissions that this would reduce. Those emissions come from burning electricity to air-condition air heated by dark roofs."

"This does not solve the problem of global warming," Akbari stresses, "but it is a measure that it is effective. It doesn't cost us anything. It doesn't have any negative effect. It saves us money, and we can afford to do it right now, while we are getting our act together to do something more serious."

And in a time when environmental issues get darker every day, it's a way we can all "lighten up."

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Finding the time to teach kids at home

Study shows that while parents often believe that they are the best teachers for their child, opportunities for teaching at home are passed by

Most Canadian parents want to devote more time to helping educate their children, but many aren't taking advantage of moments during routine tasks to share their knowledge, a new poll suggests.

The Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of ABC Life Literacy Canada interviewed more than 1,000 parents between the ages of 18 and 55.

Findings revealed that 62 per cent of parents polled agreed that they don't have as much time as they'd like to spend helping their kids learn.

The survey found 70 per cent of respondents agree that they are their child's best teacher — a feeling even stronger among those with little ones at home. And 63 per cent disagree with the statement that the primary place for a child to learn is at school, not home.

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▶ Keep an eye out for the many moments in the day that can be used to educate your young one.

Reading was the most common activity parents were likely to engage in with their children daily, followed by helping with homework, playing games, using a computer, writing stories or visiting a library.

Yet while many parents yearn for more time to devote to helping educate their kids, few are making use of opportunities during daily activities to engage youngsters in teachable moments.

For example, while 14 per cent said they always use paying their bills as a learning opportunity for their children, most never (27 cent) or rarely (28 per cent) use the occasion as a teachable moment.

As for cooking or baking, 27 per cent of respondents say they always use the time while whipping up a dish as a learning moment for their kids — signifying that the majority do not.

Kids can learn about matching, measurement and colours while parents do laundry, but only 19 per cent of parents surveyed said they always use the household chore as a teachable moment.

"We know that people are pressed for time, so what we're suggesting is take a look at the activities that you participate in with your families and see that there are inherent learning moments within those activities that you can engage with your child and enjoy," said Margaret Eaton, president of ABC Life Literacy Canada.

Eaton said discussing the day's news events or what was read online earlier in the day can help improve kids' vocabulary and get them thinking about, and sharing opinions on, issues.

Getting children to look at a frozen pizza box for baking instructions encourages them to find information — another key literacy skill, she noted.

In addition to reading at least two books before bed, Jill Amery also talks to her four- and five-year-old boys about their day. But the learning doesn't begin and end with storytime.

The Vancouver-based mom said that ever since her kids were young, she has been teaching them to recognize their names by writing letters in the sand at the beach. During grocery store visits, she would encourage them to identify vegetables of a particular colour in the produce section.

The family also tries to use technology to their advantage, and says using a computer to access kid-friendly sites or an e-reader to download children's books helps make life easier for parents.

"I think it's actually been much more effective than when I've tried to use conventional methods, and it's been much more fun for me as a parent," said Amery, publisher of UrbanMommies Media who operates urbanmommies.com and urbandaddies.com.

"In cooking in the kitchen, in walking the dog, there are so many learning opportunities," she added.

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Troubled teacher

It is possible that some parents forego teachable moments because they aren't wholly confident when it comes to teaching particular subjects.

- While 69 per cent of those polled said they were very confident in teaching their child to read, 26 per cent said they were only somewhat confident and five per cent said they weren't confident.
- It was a similar story when it came to writing, with 59 per cent expressing being very confident in teaching those skills, 33 per cent being somewhat confident and eight per cent being not confident.
- Findings of a separate survey for ABC Life Literacy Canada released last May revealed that 79 per cent of respondents weren't fully confident in their ability to teach another person about money, saving and budgeting.

Creative and conniving?

Is there a correlation between creativity and dishonesty?
Experiments explore the idea

Creativity has long been heralded as the force that drives society forward, responsible for life-saving medical breakthroughs and world-altering inventions like the lightbulb or the wheel. But a new study by a Harvard psychologist suggests this sought-after trait can come with a hefty price tag.

In The Dark Side of Creativity: Original Thinkers Can Be More Dishonest, co-author Francesca Gino says that creative thinkers are more likely to lie when faced with ethical dilemmas.

"Creativity increases what we call moral flexibility, which is the ability for people to come up with reasons why cheating is morally OK," said Gino.

"Organizations try to do their best to foster creativity in their employees and society advances because of innovation, so the idea is to put a little bit more focus on ethics and making sure that when creativity is fostered or encouraged we are also careful in trying to make sure that people are being ethical."

Gino, alongside Duke University's Dan Ariely, evaluated subjects' creativity using a continuous measure. The subjects were then asked to take a test in which they would be awarded more money if they answered certain questions dishonestly.

Using a total of five experiments, Gino and Ariely found that the more creative the test-taker, the more likely he or she was to cheat. This is because creative thinkers are better able to justify their dishonesty, the study suggests.

This held true not only when creativity was studied as a personality trait but also when responses were triggered by priming subjects to think creatively before taking the test.

"What we wanted to do with this paper is raise a red flag," said Gino. "I think we should be more aware of the risks and think about ways in which we can encourage creativity but also keep ethics in check."

Richard Spacek, co-ordinator of retention programs at the University of New Brunswick, says he finds the result of the study alarming.

"It is troubling that the greatest commodity of the new era also has a very dark side," said Spacek.

The finding is especially problematic for colleges and universities, places where thinking outside the box is fostered and encouraged.

One way that universities could try to offset the negative side of creativity is by priming students for ethical behaviour, much like how test subjects were primed to respond creatively during the experiment.

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FRANCESCA GINO, CO-AUTHOR OF IN THE DARK SIDE OF CREATIVITY

She's got a true hunger for life

Through perseverance and planning, Jennifer Broe has turned a kitchen hobby into a successful business venture

TURNING POINT

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There is a tattoo on Jennifer Broe's right wrist that says 'Believe' and Jennifer says it's a reminder to her

every day to remain focused on the path toward success.

"I kept hitting so many walls. I wasn't sure I would be able to go forward. I was in my car a lot so it was a constant reminder to keep moving forward."

Jennifer started Baby Gourmet out of her kitchen in Calgary when a new mom's support group kept asking for her homemade organic food for their own babies. She set up shop in a high-end farmer's market and was soon selling $30,000 a month.

▶ Jennifer Broe, winner of the 2011 Ernst and Young Emerging Entrepreneur Award.

Within two years she had assembled a management team, secured funding and was ready to hit the marketplace. Her first pitch was to Canada's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, and she was so convincing she got the contract sent to her on her Blackberry on the way back to the car.

"We're feeding kids delicious foods that they love to eat and that moms can feel good about. I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward."

Food for thought

Jennifer Broe's steps to success

- **Plan** All great leaders are able to execute but to be successful you need to lay out your strategy.
- **Team** Hire people to fill in your weaknesses. If you're not an accountant or website designer enlist people to help you execute your plan.
- **Persistence** If you hit a wall, push through it. The greatest rewards are once you've pushed through the most difficult situation.
- **Passion** You won't be able to overcome obstacles in your business plan if you don't have a passion for the product.

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Giant upset in Green Bay

Manning throws three TDs, Giants stun Packers 37-20 in NFC divisional playoff game

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▶ Giants QB Eli Manning drops back to pass against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

For Eli Manning and the New York Giants, Lambeau Field has become a familiar launching pad. After beating the Green Bay Packers at home for the second time in four years, they only hope this trip ends the same way — at the Super Bowl.

Manning threw three touchdown passes and the Giants shocked the Packers 37-20 in an NFC divisional playoff game Sunday. Manning threw for 330 yards, sending the Giants to San Francisco for the NFC championship game next Sunday night.

The Packers might have been the reigning Super Bowl champs, but the Giants might be the hottest team in the NFL.

"I think we're a dangerous team," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I like where we are and how we're playing."

The Giants stunned the Packers with a touchdown off a long heave from Manning to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime, then knocked them out with a late touchdown off a turnover. Lambeau Field fell silent as the Giants swarmed the field in celebration, with a handful of New York fans chanting, "Let's go, Giants!"

The win came four years after the Giants beat a Brett Favre-led Packers team in the NFC title game. It wasn't nearly as frigid this time around, and the Packers' vulnerable defence seemed to be waiting to get sliced up.

Manning found six different receivers against a porous Packers defence. But Manning did the most damage with his throws to Nicks, who caught seven passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

Nicks' biggest play was a 66-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. His score at the end of the half came on a 37-yard pass into the end zone with defenders all around.

"It was a big momentum play for them, but we were not deflated as a football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

The Giants defence also was able to defuse the big-play abilities of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers defence.

Rodgers was 26-of-46 for 264 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. He also was the Packers' leading rusher with 66 yards on seven carries.

Meanwhile, the Packers' past problems with dropped balls by their talented group of wide receivers returned at the worst time imaginable.

And while the Packers defence has been porous all season, giving up far too many yards and big plays, they've typically made up for it by forcing turnovers.

This time, the Packers were the ones giving the ball away.

Green Bay lost three fumbles, including one on a rare giveaway by Rodgers. The Giants also sacked Rodgers four times.

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Ravens defend their way to AFC title game

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RAVENS	TEXANS

If style points and offensive fireworks meant anything, the Baltimore Ravens wouldn't stand a chance of making it to the AFC championship.

Playing defence and protecting the football are what they do best, and that formula led to a 20-13 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday, putting Baltimore in the AFC title game against the New England Patriots.

"I always say there is a right way to do things, there is a wrong way to do things and there is just the Ravens' way of doing things," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "It wasn't pretty but we're not really a pretty team. We got the W and now it's on to the AFC championship."

The Ravens (13-4) had almost as many punts (nine) as first downs (11) and scored only three points over the final 46 minutes. But Baltimore wasn't penalized, didn't commit a turnover, intercepted rookie QB T.J. Yates three times and totalled four takeaways — two in the first quarter and two over the final eight minutes.

"If we didn't get any of those turnovers it would probably be a different game," Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata said.

Baltimore visits New England next Sunday, with the winner advancing to the Super Bowl in Indianapolis on Feb. 5.

The Patriots lead the series 6-1, but Baltimore's lone win came in the postseason.

"We don't play the game until next week," Suggs said. "I'm going to enjoy tonight."

Veteran defensive stars Ed Reed and Ray Lewis led a unit that yielded only one touchdown and came up with the big play when one was needed. Lewis had a team-high seven tackles and Reed sealed the victory with the Ravens' fourth takeaway, an interception near the goal line in the closing minutes.

"It's winning by any means necessary," Reed said. "That's what it's got to be." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

The Toronto Blue Jays have avoided arbitration with Colby Rasmus, signing the outfielder to a one-year deal worth $2.7 million US on Sunday.

Toronto acquired the 25-year-old from the St. Louis Cardinals in a multi-player trade July 27.

Rasmus appeared in a combined 129 games last season, posting a .225 average with 14 home runs and 53 RBIs.

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Things heading south in Miami

Tough times for Heat, with Wade ailing and the team on a three-game slide Miami had started season 8-1

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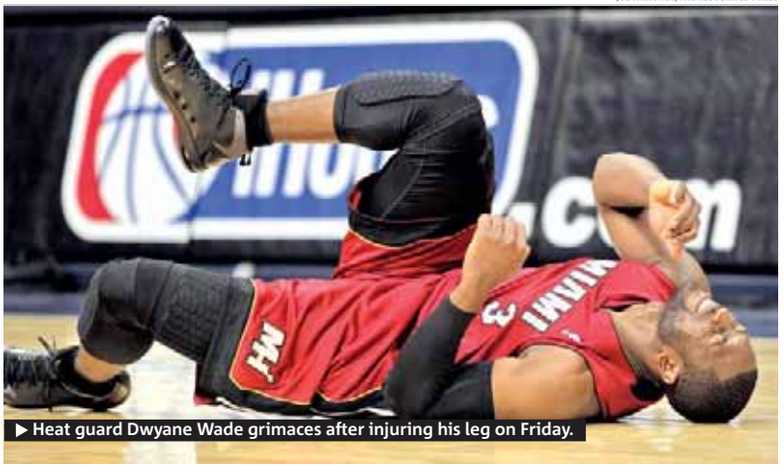

▶ Heat guard Dwyane Wade grimaces after injuring his leg on Friday.

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) grimaces after injuring his leg during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets in Miami, Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. (AP Photo/Joe Mahoney)

His team has lost three in a row. And the schedule is not going to provide any breaks any time soon.

The season's first official rough patch has arrived for the Miami Heat.

Some Heat players hit the practice court Sunday, Wade not among them. He was in the building, getting treatment on the right ankle he sprained in Friday's loss to Denver — one of three lower-body injuries he's dealing with of late, including a sore left foot and strained calf. There was no formal word on whether Wade would play Tuesday against San Antonio, but it seems the Heat are preparing to be without the 2006 NBA final MVP.

"We knew we were going to be faced with adverse situations. ... It's going to happen."
HEAT FORWARD CHRIS BOSH

"He needs to get healthy," forward Chris Bosh said. "That's the most important thing. He's been pushing it.

"He's been giving us everything he has. And unfortunately in the last game, he turned his ankle. But sometimes things happen. He probably needed to sit down and rest in the first place. Sometimes an injury will do that to you. It's a blessing in disguise. We need to be healthy when it's time to make a run in the playoffs.

"He needs to just chill out right now, get better and we'll hold it down until he can come back."

Wade was not on the practice court for Sunday's media availability. Coach Erik Spoelstra said there is no timetable for Wade's return, neither ruling him out for Tuesday nor suggesting he may be gone for a while.

"He's up walking around. He's working out right now downstairs," Spoelstra said. "But we're not going to put a timetable on when he comes back.

"Thankfully he's not in a cast or boot. He is walking around. So we'll see. We'll see how he responds each day and we'll go from there."

Wade was hurt late in the Denver loss, which capped a five-game road swing for Miami. The Heat were an NBA-best 8-1 after starting the trip with wins in Atlanta and New Jersey, then stumbled in overtime losses at Golden State and the Los Angeles Clippers, and closed the trip by allowing the Nuggets to shoot 55 per cent from the floor — Miami's worst showing in that department, by far, this season.

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Brady guides productive Patriots offence into sixth AFC title game in 11 years ◗ QB had 5,235 yards this season

Next up to try and stop the seemingly unstoppable Tom Brady and the New England Patriots offence: the Baltimore Ravens.

Good luck.

How do you cover powerful Rob Gronkowski and versatile Aaron Hernandez and still have a defender left to deal with Wes Welker, the NFL's leading receiver?

Can you generate enough of a pass rush to foil Brady's quick release? If you don't, the master of analyzing defences and firing precise passes can stand comfortably in the pocket, calmly searching for his best option and the quickest route to the end zone.

And don't forget the ground game while you're focused on all those aerial stars.

Get ready, Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs. Your dominant defence is about to get its toughest test.

Baltimore's reward for beating the Houston Texans 20-13 on Sunday is a date with the prolific Patriots, who got there with a 45-10 win Saturday night over the Denver Broncos that turned Tebowmania into a passing phenomenon while its central character, Tim Tebow, kept passing poorly.

The Ravens play at Foxborough on Sunday with a defence much better than the one the overwhelmed Broncos displayed. Baltimore's unit is the third-stingiest in the NFL, but it has never seen anything like this.

Not with Brady at the top of his game after his decade of greatness.

"The team revolves around him," Hernandez said. "When he comes to play, which he mostly does every game, then we're going to be on fire, and when he's ready, we're all ready."

Brady's performance rivals — and surpasses in some ways — his 2007 MVP season when he set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes and established a team mark of 4,806 yards passing. This season, he beat that by more than 400 with 5,235, second-most in NFL history to Drew Brees' 5,476.

The Patriots went 18-0 in 2007, then lost the Super Bowl 17-14 to the New York Giants on a last-minute touchdown. Now they're 14-3.

One more win gets them to the championship game thanks to Brady's six scoring passes against Denver, tying the NFL record held by Daryle Lamonica and Steve Young. By halftime, Brady already had thrown for five touchdowns while Tebow had just three completions.

The victory helped ease the lingering pain of three straight playoffs losses — 33-14 to Baltimore and 28-21 to the New York Jets after the Super Bowl disappointment.

"You lose a few playoff games and it's a very bitter way to end the season and it sits on your mind for quite a long time," Brady said. "For us to come out and play the way we did, have a very solid performance in the most important game of the year, is very gratifying.

"From this point on, everyone will be focused on what we need to do to be better next week and, hopefully, come out and play for another championship."

Brady has been brilliant all season, starting with a total of 940 yards passing and seven touchdown throws in his first two games. And in his last nine — all wins — he's thrown for 25 scores and just three interceptions.

"We never look at the individual. We all try and do our job," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork said. "If (Brady) plays well, everyone else plays well.

"When he has an off day, we try to rally around him as a team to help Tom and the offence. We aren't going to get 20-30 points all the time."

Of course not. There was that one game, back Oct. 30, when they scored only 17 points.

Brady's six scoring passes Saturday matched his career high. He completed 26-of-34 passes for 363 yards, a team record for a post-season game. He wasn't sacked, hardly even pressured, all game.

"That's Tom, week in and week out," running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis said, "so I don't think anyone else in this locker-room or in this country would expect anything else from him."

It wasn't always that promising.

The Patriots were just 5-3 and had lost two consecutive games for just the third time in nine seasons. Their defence, last in the league at the time, was getting pushed around.

It was time for Brady's bunch to turn things around.

They beat the Jets in New York 37-16 to start the nine-game winning streak. In three of the last four games, they've scored more than 41 points. The only other time that happened since Brady arrived in 2000 was in 2007 when they did it in three consecutive games and four of five.

That team had Randy Moss, the deep threat who caught an NFL-record 23 touchdowns.

This one has Gronkowski and Hernandez, the short, middle and deep targets who combined for 24 in the regular season and, in just one playoff game, another four.

"These two are changing the game," guard Brian Waters said. "If you decide to take away one, that opens things up for the other.

"You add the fact that we have receiving threats and some good guys at the running back position. It limits the things you can do defensively as far as trying to take one person out of the game. That's something that we are able to take advantage of."

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▶ Next up for Tom Brady and his Patriots, an AFC championship showdown with the Ravens.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	43	28	11	1	3	122	90	60	13-4-0-2	15-7-1-1	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	41	28	12	0	1	150	81	57	16-7-0-1	12-5-0-0	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Washington	43	24	17	0	2	125	124	50	17-5-0-1	7-12-0-1	7-3-0-0	W3
Philadelphia	43	26	13	2	2	144	128	56	10-6-1-1	16-7-1-1	5-5-0-0	L1
Ottawa	46	25	15	4	2	146	146	56	14-8-0-1	11-7-4-1	8-1-1-0	W4
New Jersey	44	25	17	1	1	121	125	52	11-7-0-1	14-10-1-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Florida	43	21	14	4	4	110	120	50	11-5-1-4	10-9-3-0	3-5-2-0	L1
Pittsburgh	44	23	17	2	2	134	116	50	11-8-2-0	12-9-0-2	4-6-0-0	W2
Toronto	44	22	17	3	2	137	137	49	12-6-2-2	10-11-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	44	20	19	3	2	113	128	45	14-8-0-1	6-11-3-1	4-6-0-0	L3
Buffalo	44	19	20	3	2	112	129	43	11-9-3-2	8-11-0-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Montreal	45	17	20	2	6	116	123	42	8-9-2-4	9-12-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Carolina	47	16	24	4	3	123	154	39	11-11-0-3	5-13-4-0	4-5-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	42	16	20	4	2	102	131	38	10-10-3-0	6-10-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	44	17	23	1	3	121	156	38	11-7-0-1	6-16-1-2	2-7-0-1	L7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	45	28	14	0	3	147	110	59	12-5-0-2	16-9-0-1	7-2-0-1	W2
d-St. Louis	44	26	12	1	5	115	94	58	18-3-1-2	8-9-0-3	6-2-1-1	W1
d-San Jose	42	25	12	3	2	123	99	55	14-7-2-0	11-5-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Chicago	46	27	13	3	3	150	133	60	17-5-1-3	10-8-2-0	4-4-2-0	W1
Detroit	44	28	15	1	0	141	103	57	17-2-1-0	11-13-0-0	8-2-0-0	W2
Nashville	44	25	15	3	1	122	119	54	14-7-2-1	11-8-1-0	7-3-0-0	W4
Los Angeles	45	22	15	3	5	101	101	52	13-10-0-3	9-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Minnesota	45	22	16	2	5	105	113	51	12-6-1-2	10-10-1-3	2-6-0-2	L2
Colorado	46	24	20	2	0	119	128	50	13-11-0-0	11-9-2-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Dallas	43	24	18	0	1	120	125	49	13-8-0-1	11-10-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Phoenix	45	20	18	3	4	114	118	47	8-8-2-1	12-10-1-3	2-4-2-2	L3
Calgary	46	21	20	3	2	111	131	47	13-6-1-1	8-14-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Edmonton	43	16	23	1	3	112	126	36	10-7-1-2	6-16-0-1	2-7-1-0	L5
Anaheim	43	14	22	3	4	109	136	35	10-12-1-0	4-10-2-4	5-3-1-1	W1
Columbus	44	12	27	1	4	106	147	29	7-12-1-2	5-15-0-2	3-6-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Montreal 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Pittsburgh 6 Tampa Bay 3
Washington 2 Carolina 1
Chicago 4 San Jose 3
Los Angeles at Edmonton
Anaheim at Vancouver

Saturday's results
Los Angeles 4 Calgary 1
New Jersey 2 Winnipeg 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 Toronto 0
Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
Carolina 4 Boston 2
Colorado 2 Dallas 1
Detroit 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Nashville 4 Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Islanders 4 Buffalo 2
San Jose 2 Columbus 1
St. Louis 3 Minnesota 2 (SO)

Today's games
All Times Eastern
Nashville at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

CANADIENS 4, RANGERS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Pacioretty 14 (Cole, Desharnais) 2:39
2. N.Y. Rangers, Mitchell 3 (Stepan, Gaborik) 12:49

Penalties — Bickel NYR, Moen Mtl (fighting) 4:59, Gomez Mtl (high-sticking) 9:26.

Second Period
3. Montreal, Pacioretty 15 (Cole, Desharnais) 3:54
4. Montreal, Blunden 2 (Gomez, Subban) 7:11
5. Montreal, Desharnais 7 (Pacioretty, Cole) 12:18

Penalties — None.

Third Period
No Scoring.

Penalty — Hagelin NYR (interference) 17:43.

Shots

N.Y. Rangers	11	6	11	28
Montreal	9	11	8	28

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,19-9-4); Montreal: Budaj (W,2-4-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 0-1; Montreal: 0-1.

Referees — Paul Devorski, Mike Hasenfratz.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Scott Driscoll.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

SATURDAY

DEVILS 2, JETS 1

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Ladd 15 (Oduya) 18:31

Penalties — Carter NJ (roughing, fighting), Stuart Wpg (fighting) 3:26, Fehr Wpg (elbowing) 14:55.

Second Period
No Scoring.

Penalty — Teneby NJ (interference) 12:28.

Third Period
2. New Jersey, Foster 2 (Zubrus) 9:45
3. New Jersey, Elias 16 (Larsson, Sykora) 12:43

Missed penalty shot — Elias, NJ, 18:24

Penalties — Burmistrov Wpg (high-sticking) 5:25, Hainsey Wpg (holding on breakaway, penalty shot) 18:24.

Shots

New Jersey	7	9	8	24
Winnipeg	6	6	11	23

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,13-10-1); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,15-16-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-2; Winnipeg: 0-2.
Referees — Ian Walsh and Paul Devorski.
Linesmen — Brian Murphy, Derek Nansen.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004).

RANGERS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalty — Connolly Tor (hooking) 18:49.

Second Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Rupp 4 (Stepan, Wolski) 3:35
2. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 3 (Prust, McDonagh) 16:28

Penalties — Franson Tor (cross-checking) 6:03, Del Zotto NYR (tripping) 9:17, N.Y. Rangers bench (too many men; served by Hagelin) 10:52.

Third Period
3. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 10 (Hagelin, Biron) 6:01

Penalties — None.

Shots

N.Y. Rangers	8	14	8	30
Toronto	5	7	7	19

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Biron (W,9-2-0); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,13-9-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 0-2; Toronto: 0-2.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Chris Rooney.
Linesmen — Greg Devorski, Brad Kovachik.
Attendance — 19,617 (18,819).

SENATORS 3, CANADIENS 2 (SO)

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Kostitsyn Mtl (goaltender interference) 7:12, Konopka Ott (interference) 9:38, Condra Ott (tripping) 11:40, Weber Mtl (double high-sticking) 12:18, Turris Ott (tripping) 18:45.

Second Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Karlsson Ott (holding) 4:09, Smith Ott (boarding) 8:24, Pacioretty Mtl (tripping) 12:52, Pacioretty Mtl (slashing) 19:15.

Third Period
1. Montreal, Plekanec 9, 0:42 (sh)
2. Ottawa, Turris 2 (Gonchar, Foligno) 5:57
3. Ottawa, Spezza 19 (Karlsson, Kuba) 13:42
4. Montreal, Pacioretty 13 (Desharnais, Campoli) 19:32

Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (double high-sticking) 13:22, Gorges Mtl (delay of game) 19:32.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout
Ottawa wins 1-0
Montreal (0) — Eller, miss; Kaberle, miss; Pacioretty, miss. **Ottawa (1)** — Michalek, miss; Spezza, miss; Alfredsson, goal.

Shots

Ottawa	7	7	11	1—26
Montreal	9	11	12	3—35

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,22-12-4); Montreal: Price (L,15-16-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-8; Montreal: 0-5.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Paul Devorski.
Linesmen — Jonny Murray, Derek Nansen.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

KINGS 4, FLAMES 1

First Period
No Scoring.

Penalties — Jokinen Cal (hooking) 5:54, Fraser LA (roughing) 13:38.

Second Period
1. Los Angeles, Richards 14 (Penner, Doughty) 0:27
2. Los Angeles, Greene 3 (Stoll, Richards) 3:02
3. Los Angeles, Kopitar 14 (Williams, Brown) 14:48 (pp)
4. Calgary, Cammalleri 10 (Babchuk, Bouwmeester) 15:52 (pp)

Penalties — Cammalleri Cal (holding) 10:00, Stoll LA (charging) 11:07, Kostopoulos Cal (cross-checking) 14:33, Scuderi LA (hooking) 15:04.

Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Brown 12 (Williams, Doughty) 19:03 (en)

Penalty — Giordano Cal (tripping) 6:58.

Shots

Los Angeles	6	12	6	24
Calgary	11	12	7	30

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,19-11-7); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,20-15-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-3; Calgary: 1-3.
Referees — Chris Lee, Rob Martell. **Linesmen** — Mike Cvik, Vaughan Rody.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289).

TENNIS

APIA INTERNATIONAL

At Sydney, Australia

SUNDAY

Men

Singles — Championship
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-2, 7-5.

SATURDAY

Men

Doubles — Championship
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-1, 6-4.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING

At Melbourne, Australia

SATURDAY

Men — Singles
Lukas Lacko (7), Slovakia, def. Sergei Bubka (25), Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4.
Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. Simone Bolelli (14), Italy, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2.
Andrey Golubev (20), Kazakhstan, def. Yannick Mertens, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3.
Jurgen Zopp (22), Estonia, def. Tim Smyczek, U.S., 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.
Matteo Viola (27), Italy, def. Rik de Voest (11), South Africa, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Florent Serra (29), France, def. Denys Molchanov, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-3.
James Ward (32), Britain, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Danai Udomchoke, Thailand, def. **Peter Polansky, Thornhill, Ont.**, 6-4, 6-2.
Denis Kudla, U.S., def. Carsten Ball, Australia, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Bjorn Phau, Germany, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-1.
Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands, def. David Guez, France, 6-4, 6-0.
Illya Marchenko, Ukraine, def. Martin Fischer, Austria, 7-5, 6-3.
Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-1.
Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.
Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, def. Andre Ghem, Brazil, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Alex Kuznetsov, U.S., def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Women — Singles
Andrea Hlavackova (3), Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia (15), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Valeria Savinykh (9), Russia, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-3, 6-3.
Varvara Lepchenko (11), U.S., def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-2.
Laura Robson (14), Britain, def. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-1, 7-6 (2).
Nina Bratchikova (16), Russia, def. Irina Khromacheva, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Alison Riske (17), U.S., def. Alexandra Panova (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Yvonne Meusburger (19), Austria, 6-1, 6-3.
Stefanie Voegele (20), Switzerland, def. Michelle Larcher de Brito, Portugal, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
Jamie Hampton (23), U.S., def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-5, 6-4.
Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Victoria Larriere, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Irena Pavlovic, France, def. Madalina Gojnea, Romania, 6-1, 2-0, retired.
Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, def. Julia Boserup, U.S., 6-2, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	12	2	.857	—
d-Philadelphia	9	3	.750	2
Indiana	9	3	.750	2
d-Orlando	8	3	.727	2½
Atlanta	9	4	.692	2½
Miami	8	4	.667	3
New York	6	6	.500	5
Cleveland	5	6	.455	5½
Milwaukee	4	7	.364	6½
Boston	4	7	.364	6½
Toronto	4	9	.308	7½
Detroit	3	10	.231	8½
New Jersey	3	10	.231	8½
Charlotte	3	10	.231	8½
Washington	1	11	.083	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	11	2	.846	—
d-San Antonio	8	4	.667	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	6	3	.667	3
Denver	8	4	.667	2½
L.A. Lakers	9	5	.643	2½
Utah	7	4	.636	3
Dallas	8	5	.615	3
Portland	7	5	.583	3½
Memphis	5	6	.455	5
Houston	5	7	.417	5½
Phoenix	4	7	.364	6
Minnesota	4	8	.333	6½
Golden State	4	8	.333	6½
Sacramento	4	9	.308	7
New Orleans	3	9	.250	7½

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions.

Last night's results
Golden State 99 Detroit 91
Utah at Denver
Phoenix at San Antonio

Saturday's results
Atlanta 93 Minnesota 91
Charlotte 112 Golden State 100
Indiana 97 Boston 83
Philadelphia 103 Washington 90
Chicago 77 Toronto 64
Houston 107 Portland 105 (OT)
Oklahoma City 104 New York 92
Memphis 108 New Orleans 99
Utah 107 New Jersey 94
Dallas 99 Sacramento 60
L.A. Clippers 102 L.A. Lakers 94

Today's games
All Times Eastern
Chicago at Memphis, 1 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 2 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Golden State at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Newcastle 1 Queens Park Rangers 0
Swansea 1 Arsenal 2

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's result
Marseille 2 Lille 0

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
AC Milan 0 Inter Milan 1
Cesena 3 Novara 1
Chievo Verona 1 Palermo 0
Fiorentina 0 Lecce 1
Genoa 3 Udinese 2
Juventus 1 Cagliari 1
Lazio 2 Atalanta 0
Parma 2 Siena 1

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Yesterday's results
AFC — Baltimore 20 Houston 13
NFC — N.Y. Giants 37 Green Bay 20

Saturday's results
NFC — San Francisco 36 New Orleans 32
AFC — New England 45 Denver 10

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 22
All Times Eastern
Baltimore (13-4) at New England (14-3), 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants (11-7) at San Francisco (14-3), 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

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Final Round

Branden Grace	67-66-65-72—270
Jamie Elson	63-75-70-63—271
David Drysdale	65-72-69-67—273
Marc Warren	66-69-70-68—273
Jaco van Zyl	67-69-69-68—273
Trevor Fisher Jr.	68-68-69-68—273
Dawie van der Walt	70-66-67-70—273
Michiel Bothma	68-66-68-71—273
George Murray	65-69-73-67—274
Bernd Wiesberger	70-66-69-69—274
Robert Rock	65-67-72-70—274
Jbe Kruger	67-66-69-72—274

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WEEK TWO

Saturday's results
Calgary 13 Washington 10
Buffalo 14 Toronto 10
Rochester 22 Philadelphia 12
Colorado 20 Minnesota 14

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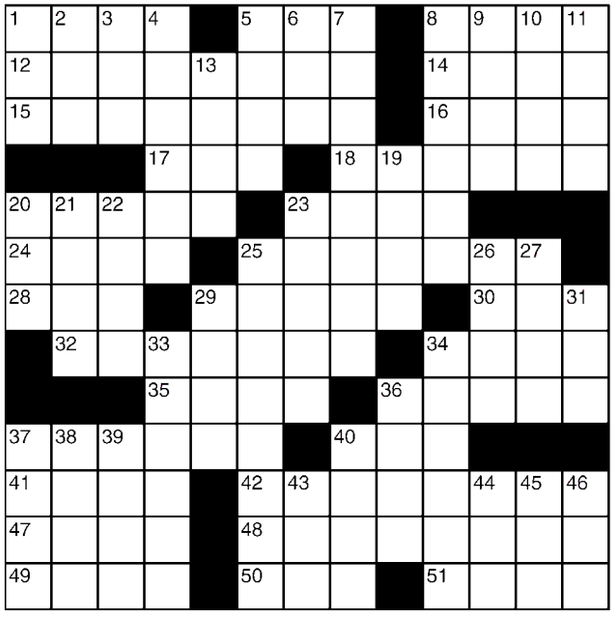

Across

1 Largest continent
5 Humpty Dumpty
8 Carpet style
12 Like a superintendent's apartment, often
14 Couturier Chanel
15 Food closets
16 Top-notch
17 Years on end
18 Disposition
20 Tine
23 Belch
24 Contained
25 Lingers
28 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
29 Incites
30 Cistern
32 Weds
34 — E. Coyote
35 Carry a load
36 Mediterranean island
37 Jellied incendiary
40 Listener
41 First person
42 Bakery offerings
47 Zilch
48 North Carolina cape
49 Census data
50 Take to court
51 Navy-related (Abbr.)

Down

1 Dadaist painter
2 Aegean, e.g.
3 Hostel
4 Go to
5 Ireland
6 "Gosh!"
7 Movements
8 Shrimp dish
9 Hula- —
10 Zits
11 No stay-at-home
13 Kermit is one
19 Blunders
20 Third deg.
21 Paper quantity
22 Gymnast Korbut
23 Holder for cream cheese and lox
25 Victories
26 Wicked
27 Sodium chloride
29 Caspian feeder
31 Afternoon gathering
33 Actor Ving
34 President Harding
36 Damon or Dillon
37 "Peter Pan" pooch
38 Work like —
39 Sheet of glass
40 Renaissance family name
43 Junior Olympics org.
44 Savings-plan acronym
45 Water (Fr.)
46 Former fast flier

▶ Friday's answer

A	I	M		T	A	C	K		B	A	S	E
P	O	E		O	B	O	E		E	G	A	D
P	U	L	L	D	O	W	N		L	O	N	G
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B	A	D	L	Y		S	W	A	G			
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M	E	N	T	A	L	L	Y		A	P	E	D
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S	H	A	C	K			V	O	I	D		
W	I	N	K		S	H	O	W	D	O	W	N
I	D	O	L		H	A	T	E		W	O	O
G	E	N	E		E	W	E	R		N	E	W

Sudoku

1					3	7	8	
	3			4		6	9	
2			9					3
				3			1	9
		5				3		
4	1			8				
5					2			8
	7	2		9			5	
	6	9	4					1

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

2	5	9	4	6	7	1	3	8
6	3	8	9	2	1	4	7	5
1	7	4	8	3	5	6	9	2
3	1	6	2	4	8	7	5	9
8	9	7	3	5	6	2	1	4
5	4	2	7	1	9	3	8	6
7	2	5	6	9	3	8	4	1
4	8	1	5	7	2	9	6	3
9	6	3	1	8	4	5	2	7

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Everyone you meet seems determined to fight about something. Just ignore them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You will be motivated enough to finish something that should have been completed a long time ago.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Family and financial matters will go well if you make sure you stay in control.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you make too many loud claims you may attract the attention of someone who calls your bluff.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The one thing you don't want to do as the week begins is make a target of yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
What happens over the next few days will be the result of the many efforts you have made in recent weeks.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Get a grip on yourself and play to win.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
It may seem as if you can get away with anything, and maybe you can, but the planets warn this phase is unlikely to last more than a few days, so don't get carried away.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You may be tempted to show the world just how tough you can be but is that really the best way to win friends and influence people?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't hang around with the same old faces and go to the same old places. Be more adventurous, Capricorn!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Make sure you know what you are getting into before committing yourself to a project that may cost a bit of money.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Channel your confidence into something constructive, something that benefits not just yourself.

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